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HOME FROM THE SOUTH.

Wm. Alden Smith Talks of His Long Journey.

The Herald party, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Head and Mr. and Mrs. William Alden Smith, returned from their western and southwestern trip yesterday. A reporter for THE HERALD called on Mr. Smith at his office yesterday and found him busily going through accumulated manuscripts, but he paused long enough to make haste and say: "Our journey has been most enjoyable from beginning to end. We did not have a sick day; we traveled 12,500 miles and did not miss a train or have an accident of any kind. The trip through Mexico was the most novel and interesting of the whole journey, although Havana is full of strange and interesting sights. We enjoyed visiting the great sugar industries of Cuba, and the novelty of picking pineapples off the stem and eating them was fully appreciated."

"I was very much impressed with the commercial revolution which Secretary Blaine has worked out for us in Cuba. I saw ten after ton of American flour unloaded on the docks at Havana by virtue of the new reciprocal trade relations, and our sugar purchases are no greater than they were before this reciprocity was demanded. There is much of interest among the old cathedrals and strange people of the island, and the climate is delightful at the season of the year. We enjoyed the sea voyage very much going over, but returning—well, the less said the better. We spent a few days at New Orleans, then at Florida, at Richmond, Charleston, and Washington. The former was delightful, and we return filled with pleasant memories, well and happy."

THEY NEED MORE ROOM.

School Buildings That Must Be Erected This Season.

The needs of the board of education in the way of new buildings to accommodate the rapidly increasing school population, will require an expenditure of over \$150,000. Five wards are short on school room, and their necessities are as follows: The Fifth ward needs an eight-room building, and there will be pupils enough to fill at least six of the rooms. An eight-room building must be erected in the Sixth ward, and when it is finished there will be as occupant for every seat. The Eighth ward will need a similar building, and five of the rooms will be filled at once. The Eleventh ward must provide for eight rooms full of children immediately. A four-room addition will be added to the front of the Wealthy avenue building, and the old building will after a time give place to a new structure, of which the proposed addition will become a part. One general plan has been adopted for the ward school buildings, and that plan is considered to be best adapted for the health and convenience of the pupils.

RICHMOND IS DEPOSED.

The L. A. W. Counts the Votes That Came Too Late.

The announcement comes from the national convention of the L. A. W., which was held at Columbus, Ohio, Monday, that A. B. Richmond, of this city, has been deposed as chief consul, and J. M. Bressey, of Detroit, his opponent in the recent election, has been boosted into his place. The election of officers for the Michigan state division was held October 15 to November 15. The canvassing board threw out 150 ballots from Detroit for Joseph M. Bressey, because they arrived after the polls had closed. This action gave the office to Mr. Richmond. The Detroit candidate appealed to the national body, which held that the delay of the ballot was unavoidable, because November 15 was Sunday. This caused them to be held in the express office. The national convention decided to count these ballots, and declared Bressey elected by a majority of 122. This will affect all minor offices. Nine Michigan delegates were denied admission because of the election irregularities.

JEFFERSONIAN OFFICIALS.

The Local Democratic Club Elects Officers.

The Jeffersonian club has been disseminating democratic doctrine for the last two months under a preliminary organization, and yesterday the organization was perfected by the election of officers. The election was held in Metropolitan hall and fifty-one votes were cast. The officers were elected by the following vote:

President—Maurice Shanahan, 51 votes.

Vice-President—Thomas D. Bradford, 41; Adolphus A. Ellis, of Ionia county, 41; George Richardson, of Ottawa county, 41.

Treasurer—George W. Thompson, 32.

Recording Secretary—John T. Donovan, 32.

Corresponding Secretary—James J. Atkinson, 51.

Executive Committee, term of two years—James W. Bassett, 51; Wilber W. Bassett, 22; Louis L. Leavenworth, 23; H. H. Leffingwell, 23; Frank P. Carpenter, 51.

Executive Committee, term one year—Jerome E. Phillips, 43; W. Wm. Taylor, 51; Isaiah Stewart, 41; J. M. Farnsworth, 32; Henry E. Humphreys, 46.

City News in Brief.

Tom P. Carroll of the democratic state executive committee, has received a notice from the Hon. D. J. Campbell, chairman, of a meeting of the committee to be held in Detroit Tuesday afternoon, February 21. At this meeting a time for calling the entire state committee together for the purpose of fixing upon time and place for holding the state convention, will be decided upon.

All members of Ottawa Tribe of Red Men are invited to meet at the wigwam at 6 o'clock p.m., February 21, for the purpose of attending the services of the Campbell Fair in a body.

The pupils of the free kindergarten are to celebrate Washington's birthday next Monday. The ladies greatly desire a picture of Washington on a white cover to use on that occasion.

The State World's Fair board has appointed the following committee to manage the exhibition of women work for the world's fair: Miss M. J. Shirley, chair-

man, Miss Anna Canfield, Mrs. Geo. Raymond, Mrs. Wm. Alden Smith, Grand Rapids; Miss Addie Barclay, Lowell.

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The officials of the Lake Shore and G. W. M. Had Never Heard of It. Fooled by a Chicago Reporter.

About two days ago, sensational rumors were flying around the city and about the state in regard to an alleged deal between the Lake Shore road and the West Michigan system. It was reported that the Lake Shore road had bought the G. W. M., the D. L. & N. and S. V. & S. L. roads and would soon begin to operate them. According to the rumor, the West Michigan, with its wealth of hardwood timber and its easy access to the upper peninsula mines, was to be used as a northern feeder for the Lake Shore system, tapping the latter at Le Porte; the Saginaw Valley line and the D. L. & N. were to be used for the purpose of knifing the Michigan Central in respect to the Saginaw valley and Detroit trade. With this system, in addition to its other tracks, the Lake Shore would practically have an opportunity to enter into competition for the trade of all the principal business cities of Michigan. It would have a north and south line and two east and west lines through the state and would reach all the principal lake ports. When the rumor first started, it was seized upon by all the city papers except The Herald, and written up in a sensational way.

They Surprised in White.

The Detroit and Saginaw papers also published it, together with interviews with prominent railroad men who lifted up their voices and wailed bitterly against the Lake Shore's acquiring the West Michigan property. THE HERALD refused to publish the rumor which its more sensational neighbors insisted on crediting. The story was a very pretty one from a Lake Shore standpoint; but it didn't look reasonable that the West Michigan, after spending thousands of dollars in making improvements, should sell its road just as it was in condition to begin to realize on its investment. The statement could not be confirmed and so THE HERALD dropped it until some one in authority should confirm or deny it.

A reporter called last evening on General Manager Head, who returned from his southern trip yesterday morning. In answer to the reporter's question, Mr. Head said: "Yes, I heard of the statement while I was away, but it is absolutely false in every particular. Not only has no deal been made, but none was ever in progress.

The officials of the two roads have never had any correspondence or conversation relative to any such an event.

As a citizen of Grand Rapids I am very glad to say that there isn't a word of truth in it. I don't know how it started, but I should judge that some Chicago reporter became lonesome and decided to start a new sensation."

A Soap Bubble.

The Y's held a most enjoyable social Monday evening at the residence of R. C. Sessions, No. 404 Jefferson avenue. It was a sort of a soap bubble party and much merriment was created by the efforts at bubble making. Miss Minnie Solomon blew the largest bubble and was awarded the prize. Nuts, fruit and confectionary were served, and a neat sum was realized for the Y's. About seventy were in attendance.

Burial Permits.

Burial permits were issued yesterday by the board of health, as follows: Nina Walker, No. 484 West street; pneumonia, Greenwood cemetery; Leontine Remijane, No. 343 Hastings street, erysipelas, Fair Plains cemetery; Mrs. Lucretia Lull, No. 164 Washington street, pericarditis, New Berlin, N. Y.

Contagious Diseases.

Arthur Anderson, No. 301 Ottawa street, diphtheria; J. J. Vanvel, No. 88 Ella avenue, typhoid fever.

Real Estate Transfers.

Eliza Scriber to Charles Barber, w. 40 ft. lot 10, Canfield's add. 100

Oscar Johnson to David L. Hill, 100 ft. 10 in. 10 ft. 12. 5 ft. 4. 5 ft. 2 ft. Parish add. 100

David L. Hill to Oscar E. Ramsey, lot 10, 10 ft. 8 in. 8 ft. add. 100

Kate B. Hill to Oscar E. Hill, lot 20, 10 ft. Barker's sub. 100

Eda L. Weston to James McCormick, plot 20, P. T. Trenor's add. 100

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